

Proposed Amendment

USSA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add as "Members" within the meaning of Section 325.2 (1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Rhodia, Inc., Cranbury, New Jersey (Controlling Entity: Rhone-Poulenc, S.A., Courbevoie Cedex, France); and Rhone-Poulenc Animal Nutrition, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (Controlling Entity: Rhone-Poulenc, S.A., Courbevoie Cedex, France).

2. Change the listing of the company name for current "Member," Rhone-Poulenc, Inc., to the new name of Rhone-Poulenc AG Company, Inc.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Performance Review Board**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement of New Members for the Performance Review Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LaVerne H. Hawkins, Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources Management, Room 4803, Washington, D.C. 20230 202-482-2537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the appointment by the Under Secretary for International Trade, Ambassador David L. Aaron, of the Performance Review Board (PRB). This is a revised list of new members and the reappointment of a previous board member as listed in the August 13, 1996, **Federal Register** 61FR42004. The appointments are for a period of 2 years. The purpose of the International Trade Administration's Performance Review Board (PRB) is to review and make recommendations to the appointing authority on performance management issues such as appraisals and bonuses, ES-level Increases and Presidential Rank Awards for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES). The members are:

Eleanor Roberts Lewis, Chief Counsel for International Trade.	Non-ITA—Career.
Troy H. Cribb, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods.	Non-Career.

Mary Fran Kirchner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Promotion Services.	Non-Career.
Henry H. Misisco, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Basic Industries.	Career.
Marjory Searing, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Japan.	Career.
Joseph Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Anti-dumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement III.	Career.
Franklin J. Vargo, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Agreements Compliance.	Career.
LaVerne H. Hawkins, Office of Human Resources Management 202-482-2537.	Executive Secretary.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

James T. King, Jr.,

Human Resources Management, ITA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 081798C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 786-1463

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Institute of Marine Sciences, Earth & Marine Sciences Bldg. A316, University of California, Santa Cruz, California 95064 [Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Daniel P. Costa] has been issued a permit to take northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) and import samples from northern and southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 14, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 37852) that a

request for a scientific research permit to take northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. 970129014-8206-02]

RIN 0651-XX09

Guidelines for the Examination of Claims Directed to Species of Chemical Compositions Based Upon a Single Prior Art Reference

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) is publishing the final version of guidelines to be used by Office personnel in reviewing a certain type of patent application for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 103. The guidelines are to be used when examining claims directed to a species or subgenus of chemical compositions when: (1) the claims have been rejected based upon a single prior art reference, and (2) the single prior art reference discloses a genus embracing the claimed species or subgenus but does not expressly describe the particular claimed species or subgenus. Because these guidelines govern internal practices, they are exempt from notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

DATES: The guidelines are effective September 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Moncys Isacson, Office of the Solicitor, P.O. Box 15667, Arlington, Virginia 22215 or Linda S. Therkorn, Box Comments, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-9373 or by electronic mail over the Internet to baird-comments@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: